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CHIMERIC RECEPTORS BY DNA SPLICING

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### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Applicants have filed a continuation of application serial no. 07/441,189 and now request amendment of the application.

## IN THE TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Before "RECEPTORS" delete --CHIMERIC--.

### IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

39. A method for producing a receptor having two-subunits, which comprises:

transfecting a mammalian cell with a DNA sequence coding for one of the subunits of the receptor;

transfecting the cell with a second DNA sequence coding for another of the subunits of the receptor;

maintaining the cell in a nutrient medium, whereby the cell expresses the DNA sequences and the resultant subunits are intracellularly bound together to form a receptor.

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40. A method as recited in claim 39 wherein the cell is transfected via protoplast fusion.

3 41. A method as recited in claim 39 wherein the cell is transfected via calcium phosphate precipitation.

42. A method as recited in claim 39 wherein the cell is a lymphoid cell.

43. A method as declited in claim 42 wherein the cell is a myeloma cell.

44. A method as recited in claim 43 wherein the cell is a murine myeloma cell.

does not produce any endogenous immunoglobulin chains.

46. A method as recited in claim 45 wherein the cell is a murine  $P_3$  cell.

47. A method as recited in claim 43 wherein the cell endogenously produces only an immunoglobulin light chain or an immunoglobulin heavy chain.

is a murine J558L cell

49. A receptor produced by the method of claim 39.

50. A receptor as recited in claim 49 comprising a molecule selected from the following group consisting of major histocompatability complex class I, major

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major histocompatability complex class I, major histocompatability complex class II, antibody, T cell receptor and CD8.

51. A receptor as recited in claim 49 wherein the receptor is a chimeric antibody having a variable region substantially the same as that found in a first mammalian source and having a constant region substantially the same as that found in a second mammalian source.

Please cancel claims 14 - 38.

# REMARKS

Applicants have added new claims 39 - 51. These claims are directed to a method for producing a receptor having two subunits and to the product of that method. These claims do not constitute new matter.

Applicants are preparing and will promptly file with the office a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment setting forth the bases for patentability of these claims over prior art which has been cited in the prior applications.

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